State Asking For Input on Direction of Business Development

Dover, Del. (October 23, 2017) — The state of Delaware wants to hear from small business owners, community leaders and interested citizens as the new Division of Small Business, Development & Tourism charts a path forward.

There will be three listening sessions this week — one in each county — to allow the public to share how the state can support small business development.

The sessions are:

October 24, 5:30 — 8:00 PM: Georgetown, University of Delaware — Carvel Research & Education Center, 16483 County Seat Hwy.

October 25, 5:30 — 8:00 PM: Wilmington, New Castle County Chamber of Commerce, 920 Justison St.

October 26, 5:30 - 8:00 PM: Dover, Richardson & Robbins Building, 89 Kings Hwy.

People interested in participating can <u>click here</u> to RSVP.

"Delaware is reinventing its approach to economic development and we're asking our customers—Delaware's residents and business owners—to help," said Cerron Cade, Director of the Division of Small Business, Development & Tourism. "We want to hear from the public, so the chosen approach is one that serves the needs of residents and the business community."

At each session, discussion leaders will work with attendees through three possible scenarios. They highlight non-mutually exclusive directions the Division could take. Each has benefits and tradeoffs for consideration. Governor Carney signed HB226 in June, which led to the creation of the Division of Small Business, Development & Tourism and the Delaware Prosperity Partnership, a public-private partnership that will market the state externally as a place to grow and expand business.

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